



FORT WAYNE
**children's
choir**

ANNUAL REPORT
2018

Dear Friends of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir,

Gifts of time and finances are important for any organization's success. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and singers, thank you for your generosity! This Annual Report showcases our accomplishments so that you may celebrate with us and know we carefully steward your gifts. Your financial support ensures that the gift of music will be available to all children who desire to be a part of it.

As you may know, the Fort Wayne Children's Choir strives to be recognized as one of the finest choirs in the nation because of our excellence in musical education, the diversity of our membership, and the quality of our contributions to the community's cultural life. We are not only providing singers with the necessary tools to become excellent musicians, they are also learning the valuable life lessons of teamwork, responsibility, and leadership.

Singers participating in the Fort Wayne Children's Choir have been learning these skills for the past forty-five years. As we look forward to the next forty-five, we know that they will not only continue to refine these skills, but will add to the skills required in our modern world. The benefits of singing together and performing for our community provide an essential fabric to the future of Northeast Indiana.

With your help, the Children's Choir will continue to flourish. Your contributions enable us to keep tuition costs low, create new programs, introduce our children to the benefits of traveling on tour, and build students who understand the value of teamwork. Thank you for making the Fort Wayne Children's Choir a success!

With sincere gratitude,



Jonathan N. Busarow
Executive Artistic Director



Kathryn A. Lemish
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"I have become a better musician and I have a better understanding of the importance of punctuality, and working in a team."

-Quinn

Fort Wayne Children's Choir

by the Numbers



Our Mission

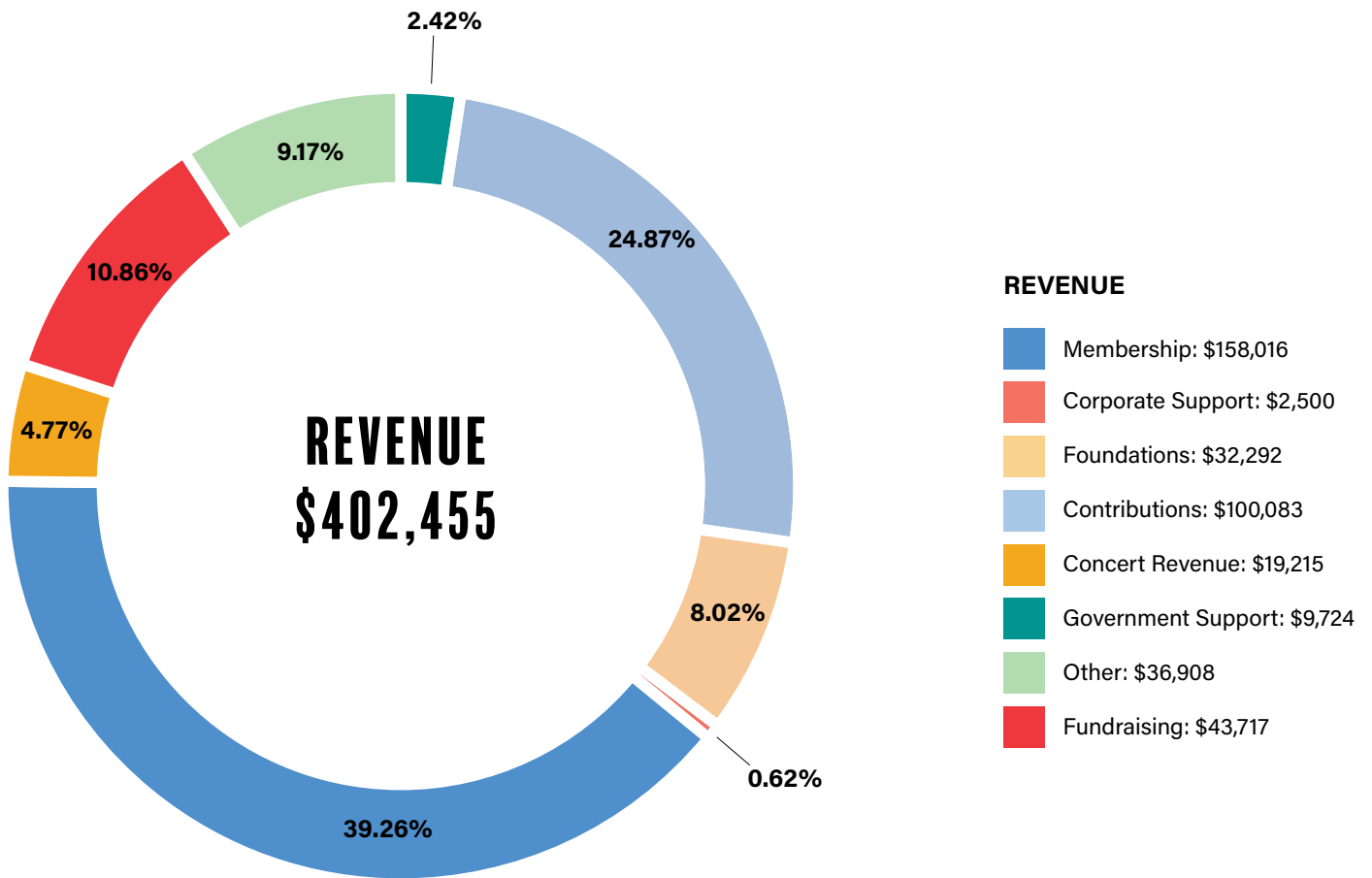
The mission of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir is to provide a choral program exemplifying artistic and educational excellence for children from diverse backgrounds.

Season Highlights

- Toured in Chicago, Madison, and Minneapolis-St.Paul.
- Notable collaborations with Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Heartland Sings, Fort Wayne Ballet, and Bach Collegium.
- Named the "Official Children's Choir of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic".
- Established Associate Artistic Director position to work directly with school music teachers for classroom and professional mentoring.
- Participated in the Three Rivers Choral Festival, which included Heartland Sings, Purdue Fort Wayne Choirs, Concordia Lutheran High School, North Side High School, Bluffton High School, and New Haven High School.

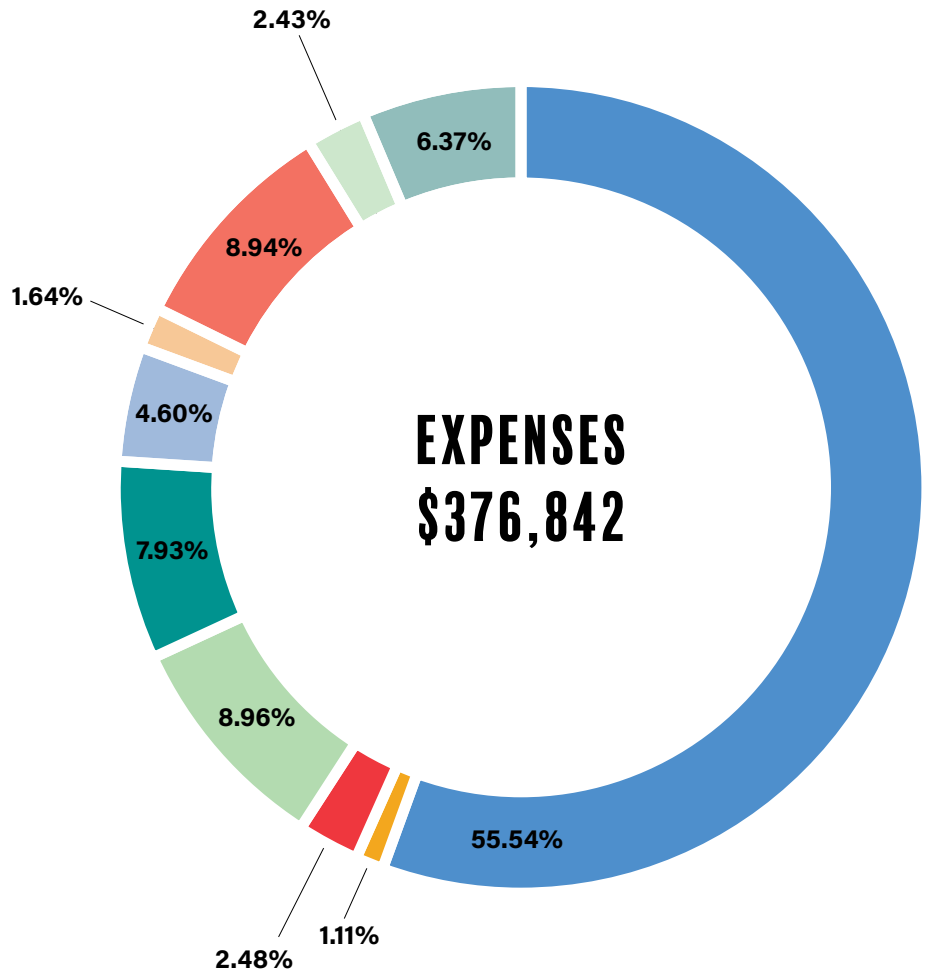
FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year: July 2017 through June 2018



EXPENSES

- Payroll: \$209,313
- Participation Assistance: \$33,764
- Guest & Outside Artists: \$4,200
- Music Education Program: \$29,890
- Administrative: \$17,324
- Utilities: \$6,189
- Marketing & Development: \$33,671
- Technology: \$9,142
- In Kind: \$24,000
- Other
 - Concert Production: \$1,563
 - Professional Development: \$2,865
 - Recognition Program: \$2,099
 - Space Rental: \$2,822



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